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AFFIRMATION

O LORD CELESTIAL BURIED DEEP WITHIN OUR HEARTS,
POUR FORTH THY POWER AND STRENGTH THAT WE MAY
LIVE ACCORDING TO THY LAWS AND PROTECT US FROM
THE DANGERS OF THIS LIFE AND LEAD US INTO LIGHT
AND TRUTH WHICH WILL MAKE US FREE.

ÓCCULTISM GONE MAD.

Occultism is a term coined by the French Kabbalists and embraces the whole range of psychological, cosmical, physical, and spiritual phenomena. This word *Occultism* comes from the word 'occultus', meaning hidden or secret. These esoteric sciences are, and have been for untold ages, hidden from the profane persons for the excellent reason that they would never be appreciated by the selfish educated classes, nor could they be understood by the uneducated, the former would misuse them for their own profit and thus turn the divine sciences into Black Magic.

It is entirely due to people taking up occultism for selfish ends that occultism is a name which sinks in the nostrils of those who know Truth. What is called occultism today covers a very wide field of doubtful facts and knowledge, such as theosophy, rosicrucianism, spiritualism, tarot cards, numerology, palmistry, etc., and into this field has entered such teachings as

scientology and subud and then we come to the stupid system called Freemasonry. All these systems and many more are travesties of Truth.

All of them are in the process of making the claim that they can lead you to Illumination, but the remarkable thing about their claims is that none of them know what Illumination is let alone being capable of experiencing it, that is the pathetic part of the whole sorry business. Most of these bodies do not teach the ancient Discipline which has been demanded by the Lords of Light, and above all without the necessity of intellectual study and without this discipline there is always the danger of mental discord and the insidious influence of black magic due to varying beliefs.

It is not our policy to laud one system over another. Surely, when dealing with the various systems we must deal with the reasons for their existence along scientific lines. In Nature, the mother of all, every man, creature, plant and mineral manifests different characteristics and leanings. In man, we find that there are no two *homo sapiens* who have the same biological, physiological, psychological and mental traits, nor have they the same capacities, abilities or characteristics, it is these differences in the human make-up which makes us individuals. Above all we must know that this same division occurs in the three lower kingdoms of Nature, there are no two blades of grass the same, no two animals the same, nor are two gems the same and equally no two Angels are the same, each member of each species of the whole of Nature is different from the others.

Since we are all individuals both in outlook and traits, our particular make-up will cause us to be attracted to, say, one or two of the various systems styling themselves occult which one finds today in many parts of the world. Before we proceed any further, we must stress the two different systems which have been called "the

occult" . You have the systems of teaching which deal with the intellectual opinions of others, they become the breeding grounds for spiritual pride, selfishness and arrogance, on the other hand we have the true occult systems which demands that you experience and know as a living reality the Truth of Yourself. The intellectual systems know nothing about the True Nature of Man, whereas the disciplinary systems know and experience the Divine Nature of Man. One is a system of man-taught theories which degenerate into dogmas and the other is born from being God-taught which ever remains flexible and true.

Granted that we are all in varying degrees of soul development there must be avenues whereby we may be able to express our nature and leanings. Therefore, you have the graduations one will find in our educational systems, from the kindergarden to the university graduate. On each stage the student is taken stage by stage in his education. This same process is also applicable to the study of what is known as Occultism and Spiritual Philosophy.

In this education of the human Soul we begin with the native of the jungle who requires a very simple philosophy for his natural environment and then graduate to the level of a Plato or a Buddha. These are naturally the two extremes of the graduation of the human intellect, but between the lowest level and the higher level there are the intervening stages of development. Now, when we come to study the nature of 'occultism' we find that there are existing these same divisions of human intellect.

This means that from the nature worship of the jungle, nature merges into the organised religions and then graduates from the earliest to the latest, that of Christianity in its popular presentation and here we are referring to the various divisions in this religion. From the sublime and simple form as taught by its Founder into the sublime and illuminating philosophy of

the Gnostics, then into the dogmatic presentation of the Church. In spite of this dogmatic and superstitious phase, however, the true teachings always remained available to the genuine seeker, from the oldest monastic Order of the Benedictines through the Secret Assemblies.

In the 19th century an attempt was made to break the dogmatic grip of the Christian Church. Theosophy was born through the efforts of H.P. Blavatsky. This *Theosophia* is the substratum and basis of all world-religions and philosophies, taught and practised by a few Elect ever since man became a thinking being. Theosophy is therefore divine ethics, but most of the definitions being put forth by the present-day theosophists and dictionaries are pure nonsense based on religious prejudice and ignorance of the true spirit of the Great Messengers to mankind.

Most Christians, when they find that their religion in its popular sense does not satisfy their aspirations, rush into occultism without first trying to find the inner kernel of their religion. They then pass into the crude forms of spiritualism and then into the more subtle forms of this cult. The so-called subtle forms of spiritualism are, however, still based upon phenomena, and when people pass from this cult into mediocre types of metaphysics, they still retain their mesmeristic attraction to crude phenomena. From this they move into the various forms of Theosophy and leaving this cult they enter into such dubious forms calling themselves rosicrucianism systems.

In spite of the higher teachings of the above, you still have those who will revert to the jungle psychology such as scientology and subud, and from these systems we find the mental institutions gaining their patients. On the other hand, we find people leaving these systems and rusing into yet a higher form of teachings or discipline but even then it does not stop for there are always higher forms of knowledge and

discipline to be attained. Although we may like to think that we have all knowledge in our hands, we must disillusion you completely, even if you lump all the systems into one, you will find that what you have received is just about one fifth of the whole. *Just think on that!*

The graduation from the lowest form of belief to the highest form known to us is not a steady incline, there are throwbacks, as in most forms of spiritualism you will find the elements of ancestor worship or the worship of the dead, as one finds in most of the forms of spiritualism. In Subud you have a mixture of native psychology with the various forms of native spiritualism, such as practised by the Dervishes, coupled with theosophy and mental science, both metaphysical and medical. In Scientology you have the elements of the native spiritualism, psycho-analysis and occultism within its framework of teachings, but naturally they deny the legality of the various systems from which they have taken in order to ensure the uniqueness of their cult. These systems by their nature lay themselves open to Black Magic as has been found in England.

On the other hand, the Gnostic or Illuminatus does not need these systems as in the main they are speculations and nothing else. The Illuminatus lets these go and turns inwards and upwards to his Divine Source, then he sees and experiences the truth in all these systems as Living Realities as himself. But in order to become one with his Divine Source, he must of necessity undergo a discipline of the personality and develop absolute courage and faith in his own Divine Nature. It is this lack of discipline which makes people fail in their task to find the Real.

Once becoming the Divine Source he then sees the failings and shortcomings of the systems based upon speculations, he sees human nature in its true perspective and must, by his identity with the Divine Source, become a teacher and

demonstrator of what he is to the outer world. This means that you have a conflict between speculations and that which is Light. Always we will see the adherents to speculations attacking the embodiments of what they seek to become. It is due to the fact that most students have mistaken speculations for the Truth, they are swayed by personalities and what they say, they accept without first bringing to bear upon the teaching the priceless faculty of *LOGIC*, but, after all, how many people know how to use their logic?

Let us take one recent case of the illogical mind of man. America stands up against Russia concerning the atomic bases in Cuba. The ban-the-bomb idiots, whilst ostensibly seeking to stop war, now scream against America for standing up to the big bully Russia. How perverse can the human mind get? You will find this same illogical attitude prevailing in the societies today, theosophy, rosicrucianism, spiritualism, etc., refuse to accept the fact that there may be others who may know more than they. So what do they do? The state of the occult world is a fitting example of this spiritual prejudice. Perhaps we are far too logical for our members but it is by logic and hard work that we attained Illumination.

The very fact of the Illuminati becoming the living expression of his Divine Source must, by logical necessity, speak out for the Light and Truth. If he did not, then he would be unfaithful to the God within himself. This takes courage and fearlessness and one must face the yapping of those who are afraid to follow the same Path to liberation. How many people have the opportunity to reach the Light but because of their blindness, refuse to see it?

The Illuminatus is placed in very much the same position as a medium. When a person comes to the medium to be told the truth about themselves and their possible future, the medium does tell the recipient what he or she sees, and

it does not please the client, so the client turns and runs down the medium and calls them a hoaxer or fraud. The medium and the Illuminatus, if they are sincere, must in spite of opposition present the facts as they see them, and if it displeases their hearers they know they must expect a re-action which is generally not at all pleasant.

On the other hand, let a person go to the society, the leader tells them how good they are or that they will be asked to pay large sums for his teachings, then they will follow him, even though one will find the same teachings in any library book. People fall for personalities and think that a personality will give them truth but all he can do is to give you opinions which he has learnt from other men's opinions.

Let us take an example, let us place ten men and women on a hilltop overlooking a city, then ask each one to give their description of what they see. If you place the ten descriptions side by side you will find that not one of the ten will give the same description. They will describe what they see according to their outlook, but the scene of the city is constant. The Truth is constant, but the speculations of this Truth are constantly changing from one age to another.

Therefore, all systems, whether they be speculations or based upon the inner experience, are absolutely necessary to the various types of people. Whilst it is true you have a general system available to a loose group of people, such as Theosophy, you have a background intact but you will have varied interpretations of what they call Theosophy. If you become a *Master of Theosophy* than you are at-one-ment with all Truth of which the systems of thought are but partial expressions of the ONE TRUTH.

This means that the teachings and methods used by Subud will satisfy certain types of individuals, just as the Taro cards and similar

forms will give help to another group of people. In the religion of Christ, you have Catholicism which gives help and encouragement to millions of men and women who find it through a ceremonial, colour, incense, etc., whereas on the other hand you have the austere form of worship of the Protestants helping other groups of people, then you have the open-air Evangelicals, the Salvation Army and the like, all in their own way supplying a need to the people who find that this helps them.

In Spiritualism, we find some who need 'messages' and others 'phenomena', while still others desire a philosophy blended with phenomena. Then you have the various types of occult orders, all supplying a need to a particular type of people who need this form of help. Subud and Scientology help others. Mental forms of help are needed, just as Astrology and other pseudo-occult arts have their place in the scheme of things.

You would not go to a Theological Seminary if you wish to graduate in technology, nor would you go to a High School only if you desired a university training and so on, you would gravitate to that particular form of expression which would give you help and happiness. So it is with the various occult systems.

None of these varied systems are evil in itself, far from it, they are vital to the welfare of millions of men and women, but this is where the evil creeps in; an order makes certain claims to their people, knowing perfectly well that their claims are false, a medium enters into a persistent form of fraudulent messages in order to make a living etc., it is these aspects which have brought "spirituality" into disrepute.

You have individuals who have proclaimed to the world that they are spiritual individuals, attach all kinds of fancy names to themselves and preach one set of morals to their people, and on the other hand practise a very different set

of morals. It is these individuals whom we speak out against, not at the good they do, but at the evil report they cause to be spread abroad. So long as they practise what they preach and make sure that they are without fault, then they are in the position to criticise and condemn others.

An individual professes love and friendship towards another, but they disagree and the individual enters into the disgusting action of writing letters about his so-called friend which is calculated to destroy his reputation. Then you will find those claiming to be 'pupils' of a Master and when they are told they are not, will retire from the organisation. They never bother to ask why! Others will misunderstand what has been told to them and, feeling their pride being hurt, will also write poisonous letters to others in the hope of destroying the faith of the members in their Teacher or Leader. Or you will have a member who had suffered a supposed affront to his or her self-esteem spreading lies and filth about the supposed guilty person in order to discredit him. These actions are common among spiritual individuals and they do in the long run bring disrepute upon the spiritual movement as a whole. One cannot calculate the thousands of individuals who have been steered off a system by these detractors and frauds who are in reality harming only themselves for their Karma is great.

Finally, let us take ourselves, we have never claimed to be infallible, we are far from being a saint, we have never at any time asked people to bow down to us as the "sole" representative of the Light. What we have said is that we do the Will of Him who sent us, and it is not my personality which writes and teaches, but the POWER within us. When we have cause to show people where they have gone wrong, we make damn sure that we are right before we pen anything. We appeal to the world's fund of knowledge and experience, we are often misunderstood, but who is not misunderstood at times? We are all human and

need the various props to help us along but we must not come to depend upon them for all time. We must not stop on one level but ever move on to new vistas of knowledge and experience. Let us not be Sloth digging for pennies in the mud and failing to see the Angel extending to us the Crown of Life.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Doctor:

For the past 12 months I have noticed that you are getting down to fundamentals in the way you are exposing the many fallacies with which the occult movement is riddled. I personally appreciate this bluntness on your part and it has done much to help me understand myself and the work you are doing. May you be blessed and may you prosper in your work.

-Mrs A.P.Cohen, Houston. Texas.

Dear Doctor:

Thank you for the lectures you are sending out to the members, they have been a great help to my understanding of the teachings of the Pleroma. I am now re-reading the Gnostic work *Pistis Sophia* and it has become a mine of instruction, thanks to your practical interpretation of Gnosticism.

-Dr. Elmer A. Selby, London. England.

Dear Doctor:

When I began studying occultism, I fell for the glamourising traps and got my fingers burnt and I am very grateful for the frank articles you and Dr. Baxter have been publishing. Only a fool would take offence at your articles.

-Mrs. Edith Onkle, Lagos. Nigeria.

Dear Richard:

The more I read your writings and the brutal manner in which you make us think for ourselves,

the more I am beginning to understand and feel my Divine Self. I have come a long way through the teachings of the Pleroma, as I now know that they are true and can be applied to oneself. So many of the so-called occult groups seems to pander to the lower nature instead of helping people to experience their Divine Nature.

-Mr. Frank Alcott, New London. S. A.

Dear Mr. Baxter:

I loved and laughed at your article *Annie Get Your Guru* and it gave me a nasty shock. I was under the impression that I was a pupil of a Master, but when I applied your three tests, all I received was silence and the voice speaks no more. I now realise that I was hoodwinked by my lower mind. The Truth always hurts, but if one can take it, it does make one free.

-Mrs. Alice Hancock, Melbourne, Aust.

POSTING OF LITERATURE

You will notice that we have had printed new envelopes for posting. You will see in the bottom left-hand corner a small square and marked as:

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LECTURES.

Will all Members, who have agreed to the new form of supporting the Pleroma make sure that they have received all the lectures to date, that is to say on this date - 1st January 1963? These should be:-

A Message To You. The Law of Permutation.
 What is Reincarnation? Religion and Religions.
 The Law of Retribution. What is Gnosticism?
 including Issue 'News and Notes' for October 1962.

If you have not received these Lectures will you send us a post-card indicating the ones you have missed.

SPENILLI SANTOS

We wish to thank the Members, who have offered to help this Italian Boy. If we can help a few of these young people, then we will have done a good job. We must be very thankful for living in countries where the State will help its people if they fall upon evil days, but there are many countries which just cannot help their people. Frankly, we think we should count our blessings. Will you continue to help?

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

QUES: I am amazed at the amount of work you seem to pour out by your two hands and also at the authorities you constantly quote. When I called upon you, all I could see was about 30 books. How do you manage this amount of work?

ANS: "It is not I who do these things, but the POWER within me." You know Who spoke these words. It is by this instruction and its practical application that we do these things. We just leave the work to the Power of the Divinity to make the body work. Never at any time have we been given a task to do and doubted our ability to carry it through, for instance, we taught ourselves to type, print, write, duplicate, administrate and overcome

our stammering. If it were not for the surety and experience of the Divine Self, we doubt if we could do these things. The power and knowledge comes from the Divinity within and upon that we live and move and have our being.

If you trust the Inner Self completely, then It will help you through all things, when we have to do something we just get on with it, we do not waste time asking ourselves whether we can do it or not. We know that we can do it and get on with it. We KNOW that we are God incarnate, this being so, then there is nothing we cannot do and accomplish, there is nothing we do not know, being both human and divine in the same body.

This is the key to the teachings of the Pleroma, make contact with the Divinity and never for one moment lose faith in It, then It will not let you down, but It is the lack of this faith in their Divine Nature which makes people fail in their lives. They will follow their own desires, they have the habit of telling the Divine what they want instead of listening to the Divine for that which they need and then they wonder why they fail.

Do not be like a lady we know who has had a difficult life and keeps running to and fro in order to find a solution to her troubles, in spite of our advice to stand still and allow the Inner Voice to speak and help her into calmer waters. Instead of trusting the Inner Self she refuses to ask its help. Most of our troubles are due to our blindness and wilfulness to follow our own devices and in the main we always come unstuck and then try to blame others for our misfortunes. Human nature, if we obey its temptings, will inevitably lead us into trouble, but obeying the Divine will always lead us to happiness.

QUES: Are you the next Messenger?

ANS: What would it avail you if we are? Do you not realise that you are also a Messenger in your own right. Do you not realise that the very fact that you descended from the Light Regions to enter your mother's womb, makes you a Messenger of Light. Surely if you waste time trying to find out if we are the Messenger, you are neglecting your own responsibilities. Your job in life is to manifest in your life the qualities and powers of a Legate of the Light. This business of looking to somebody

else to do the work for you is just damn foolishness on your part, you have to do the work and make yourself a fitting instrument for the Inner Light to shine forth. Cannot you get it into your head, that this is the prime purpose of the Pleroma, to make you a *Master Among Men*. No wonder the pseudo-occultists fleece you of your hard earned cash, they do this because you are just blind. In spite of the age-old teachings of the Great Souls, you just refuse to believe them, and that is why you have so many bogus societies glamourising you. *Wake up, O Son of Light and act like one.*

QUES: Can you tell us the true purpose of the Pleroma and how it differs from most occult and spiritual Orders?

ANS: First, you must understand that there are two streams of evolution, that of the evolution of the Spirit and that of the Material, they are actually two aspects of the ONE LIFE. The material acts as the vehicle through which the Spirit can gain experience in order for it to awaken from its latent potentiality into the full realisation of being a god on earth.

Before the descent of the Spirit into the limitations of matter was possible, the Logos (God) of this Planet had laid down the conditions and the method whereby the Sparks of Himself could become fully conscious of their unity with Him. This method has always been termed the *Arcane Discipline* or THE GNOSIS OF GOD AND THE SOUL. Therefore, this Discipline has always been the same from one century to another down through the ages, it has never changed one IOTA and since man has freewill of choice he can either fulfill this Law and attain the Goal quickly, or he may follow the dictates of his animal nature and take hundreds of incarnations to reach this Goal.

The Consciousness of the Logos is composed of 60,000,000,000 Sparks, each one of these Sparks manifests itself as a Spiritual Self, a Divine Self and a human Self. In order for the Logos to realise Himself, each Spirit with its Soul and human Soul must also realise their god-like nature. The creation of these three aspects of God is done in this wise: God in order to manifest His trinitarian nature within the field of manifestation, breathes out His Life and Consciousness outwards from

within Himself and when He wishes to withdraw His life and consciousness from manifestation, He inbreathes or withdraws it inwards from without.

So, in order for each one of these Sparks of Divine Life to attain the Perfection of God, the process with the human Soul, it must seek to become unified with its Divine Counterpart by relinquishing all attachments to the worlds of the personality, then the Divine Soul must seek Union with its Immortal Spirit and finally the Spirit is absorbed into the Father, as a conscious God. This descent and ascent of the Divine Life is commonly called *INVOLUTION* and *EVOLUTION*, and the method whereby the Divine Life fulfills this process is called the *ARCANE DISCIPLINE* and the knowledge which enables this Life to attain is called *THE GNOSIS*.

Since there are about sixty thousand million Sparks who are using this planet as the field of experience, there must be Sparks in all stages of inner unfoldment, this means that very few Sparks attain the first stage, that of Union with the Divine Soul in every century, those who do reach this stage are called the Elder Brothers and they become responsible for the slow evolution of the majority of the Sparks. The object of this Discipline is, therefore, to train and equip men and women to become the helpers of the majority and this is also the main object of occultism, *OR SHOULD BE*. This Discipline shows no favour to anyone, all the Sparks are compelled to obey this Discipline sooner or later, no one can escape this Law. Therefore, hear me, those who enter this teaching for personal reasons are devoid of any kind of love for the rest of humanity. On the other hand, those who enter this work in order to help their brothers without any thought of themselves, will truly become the leaders of humanity. In this present age the majority of students are interested in this teaching for what they can get out of it for themselves, and in doing so they are betraying their brothers and depriving them of the Light and help. These people have become the misusers of spiritual pearls.

This Arcane Discipline is arranged in definite stages, each Soul must complete each stage in rotation before he or she can pass into the next and so on. This Law takes no heed of your personal opinions, either you

obey the Rules and reach graduation or you do not, if you do not then you will have to wait for a more favourable incarnation. You cannot dictate to the Law in any way, but there are many who think they know better than the Law and try to tell it what it should do. Those who try this stunt will find themselves out in the cold, rejected for this incarnation, due to their own blindness and wanton stupidity.

The purpose of the Pleroma is to train men and women to take their place in the helping and guiding of their brothers, and the system which is presented to them is based upon the age-old Arcane Discipline. The Pleroma is entirely impersonal in its approach to the individual and if the individual truly understands this purpose of the Pleroma he will make good progress, but if he enters the Pleroma for selfish ends - the attainment of Light for his own self, then he will find that he will be pushed out of the Pleroma by his own foolishness and blindness.

Those who enter in the hope of gaining wealth, power and spiritual faculties will find that none of these things will be theirs, but those who enter in order to help others will find that all things will be theirs. Those who will look for signs of their progress will receive none, but those who serve others in an attitude of unselfish and impersonal desire to help will find the Divine Power manifesting within themselves. In order to attain you must forget yourself and your desires in the service of others. Those who have attained the True Light show no change in their outward appearance excepting that they become as a little child, full of joy and expectancy, they never boast to others of what they know, they demonstrate what they know in their daily lives, ever ready to help others, to give advice where needed, they have no time to think of themselves, they are far too concerned with the welfare of their brothers.

For a person to join the Pleroma he or she must have reached a certain stage in the unfoldment of the Inner Consciousness. This becomes possible through his association with various systems, they all contribute to the general development of the Self, they can only take him so far. There is sufficient development made in order

to make the Soul Vesture glow with Light, then, by various means, he becomes aware of the Pleroma. The "*Introductory Handbook*" is written in such a way as to embody certain hints, if the person is wakened enough and he sees the hints it has the tendency to cause a definite flash within the Soul, the Soul then impresses the personality to enter the Pleroma. If on the other hand, the human Soul fails to see the hints then the Soul will cause him to ignore the Pleroma.

The person then enters the Pleroma, he is placed upon probation, it does not matter if the person concerned has been a student for 40 years, or just a few years, they are all placed upon probation. The Inner Self is then given certain training and instruction, generally the human Soul has no memory of this work, simply because the human Soul is not awakened sufficiently to recall this memory. The fact that nothing happens for the first year makes the individual dissatisfied, this has been done deliberately in order to test his faith and patience. If the individual manifests, conceit, pride, pre-conceived ideas, etc., then we give instruction to their Soul to take its human Soul out of the Pleroma after the first year. If this happens, then the person has lost a very valuable opportunity for this incarnation and remains just one of the crowd of sleeping souls.

QUES: I have been in the Pleroma for the past three years and do not seem to make any progress. Should I leave and enter another body?

ANS: We think you are being foolish, you have gone so far as to awaken the Divine Self through this teaching, now you will stop this awakening by chopping and changing just because you do not notice any visible progress. This seems to be a fault with the Western man, they fall for all the glamourising traps which are offered to them and fail to see that they are traps of a most subtle form. Before you join these traps, just ask them one question: "Have you experienced the power and glory of the Self?" They will hang their heads in shame, for they do not know, they have the theory and not the practice. Just look and see how many of their numbers have attained the Light, there are none. WHY? The answer is

obvious, they do not know the method and they themselves cannot demonstrate this Power. This alone should make you think. We have no right to stop a person from falling into the traps, all we can do is to tear away the glamour and see if they have the insight to see what we are doing for them. *No one can give you this Light, to obtain it you yourself must first conquer the lower self.* No matter how much we try there are those who just will not use the Soul powers of LOGIC and PURE REASON, they are attracted by the glamour of these empty claims. Think very carefully before you fall under their baleful influence.

QUES: *Is it wrong for a student of Light to appeal to Our Blessed Lady for help?*

ANS: The answer to this question is simple. It is a great pity that more of our blind and glamourised occultists do not humble themselves and seek the Love and Counsel of Our Lady. The true Occultist recognises that between man and the Father stretches a vast hierarchy of Beings and that each one of these Beings is prepared to help man when called upon in times of need. We also know that if we call upon Our Lady in the right spirit, She will come to our aid, as all these Beings are the embodiments of God's Life. During our early stages of training we had cause to call upon Our Lady many times and never at any time has She failed to answer our prayer. Those who have not experienced the surety of their own Divinity should avail themselves of the help and comfort of those who are nearer to God. There is a simple formula: Go into a Catholic Church and light a candle, and as you do so make a definite thought-form of what you *NEED* and then call upon our Lady, the Angels in the service of Our Lady will take your appeal and act upon it. But you must believe that it will be accomplished.

QUES: *Since you have attained Illumination, why do you still remain in the Church? Surely you would have outgrown the need for Religion?*

ANS: Religion is that mysterious force in human life, which is the Divine Self of every man, it is the recognition of one supreme fact, *the fact of the inherent spiritual nature of man.* The Illuminatus says that Relig-

ion is the spiritual recognition by man that he is a spiritual being, and the effort which he makes to realise that nature.

The Illuminatus certainly does not need the Church, but the church needs him, as he becomes the living embodiment of practical Religion. A Church becomes a magnetic centre established on earth, at which special conditions have been created to permit of the free passage of power, the life and consciousness within man to be released for the moment from the casket of flesh and each time man avails himself of the wonderful systems, powers and presences, it helps him one step nearer to the inner realisation of his Divine Nature. The Church, therefore, provides a forcing-house within which the development of man can be quickened. The Church in its true sense is the outward and visible counterpart of the inward and invisible Divine Spiritual Church within man. If it were not for the help of the church and its powers, we would not be in the position to help you. It would really do you all a lot of good and speed your development, if you swallowed your pride and attended the Catholic Church to gain this help. You do not need to swallow the dogmas they dish out.

QUES: I have been out of a job for many months and do not seem to be able to break through this period of distress. Can you help me?

ANS: Why should I help you? Surely you are God just as I am? Think on this and you will see that we are right. If you realise that you are God, then there is nothing you cannot do, in fact you can do greater things than we can. You have the power and knowledge within you to break through if you marshall all your powers and mind to this end. Surely, it is we who create our own limitations because we lack faith in our Divine Nature. We make our own tomb of misery because we want others to do the work for us, we are far too complacent to make the effort. Now, just you sit down and analyse yourself honestly and see where you have gone wrong, then when you have done this, ask the God within you for help. If you really believe in the God within, then It will help you, then we can help you. Stand on your own feet and trust Yourself.

QUES: For years I have struggled to keep going. Having a small income, I can just make ends meet. Must this always be so?

ANS: We appreciate your position, but try to stop thinking of yourself and count your blessings, just look around you for a change and you will find many who are in worse conditions than you are. They just try to keep going, sometimes without a murmur, but they are learning patience, courage and compassion. Do you really think that the Father of All will wantonly allow His children to suffer. NO, A THOUSAND TIMES NO. God is Love, and does not inflict! It is we who inflict pain and frustration upon ourselves. We must learn our lessons of life and the Father arranges our life in such a manner as to give us the opportunity to learn those vital lessons. Think for a moment of the millions of people who are living near to starvation. You live in a country which has the State Welfare System to help its people, but there are many lands where this is not available. We spend most of our waking hours thinking of ourselves and what we think we want, is it to be wondered that the Love and Power of the Real Self cannot penetrate this hard wall of selfishness?

We also live from day to day, not knowing what will come in, not knowing what will happen, but we know that something will come along because we believe that it will come.

THE HOUR OF CONSOLATION.

Your prayers are asked for the following Members who are in need, sickness and many other forms of adversity.

Eliahoo Samuel. Robert Slankard. Mrs C.A.Smead. Mrs Alma Wilson. Mrs L.D.Desch. Rose James. Ruth Morrison. Mrs L.Whitehouse. Patrick N.C. Molokwu. Augusta Cindrich. Harrieta P. Steltz. Stephan & Barbara Hoeller. Harold Slankard. Mrs. L.A.Morris. Mabel Stockbridge. August von Lanza. William Broadfoot. Grace Webb. Grace Abercrombie.